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## from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

### MAYOR & 'PEACE STRIKERS'

The mayor of Oakland refused to meet with so-called women "peace strikers" Nov. 1.

The mayor said he objected to two persons who were scheduled to address a rally that evening. He said one is or was a Communist Party member because she had been identified as such (by whom?) and was "not on record as ever having denied such membership."

The conservative Saturday Evening Post was not afraid, however, to publish an article recently which was largely a favorable interview with this woman, an Oakland resident. Other magazines have published similar articles in the past.

As for the other speaker, a former official of U.C.'s SLATE, also well-publicized, the mayor could only come up with an out-of-context quote. This remark showed a great deal of misguided undergraduate zeal but not much else.

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### HOW ABOUT THE OTHERS?

Regardless of the motives of these two persons, I feel the mayor insulted the many sincere housewives who joined the demonstration.

Things have gotten out of hand on the international scene. Although it is true that the blame rests largely with Nikita Khrushchev, it is a dangerous oversimplification to imply that we are all right and he is all wrong.

A new perspective is needed, and maybe the women of this country can provide it. Maybe.

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### ENDORSE KENNEDY'S PLAN

It should also be pointed out that:

- The "peace strikers" specifically endorsed President Kennedy's approach to disarmament.

- The demonstrations were treated seriously by the press, radio and TV, and most local and state officials throughout the nation.

- The mayor said these "are not matters properly addressed to an American mayor." But how about the fact that most of the mayors of Alameda County have endorsed a controversial anti-Communist "school" to be held here Jan. 29 to Feb. 2?

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### TRIB BACKS MAYOR

The Oakland Tribune backed the mayor's stand in an editorial and tried even harder to imply that anyone who's unwilling to fight over Berlin is nuts or possibly a Communist.

Intolerance of other points of view led to McCarthyism. With the tense world situation, we are overripe for a return of this monster. Let's not let it begin in Oakland.

## OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

# BTC continues study of elderly housing

## 'Pete' Lee wins spot on Executive Board

Edward O. (Pete) Lee of Teachers 771 won the election for a vacant seat on the Central Labor Council Executive Board Monday night.

Lee defeated Ed Collins of Hospital Workers 250 by 102 to 68.

An active member and past president of Local 771, Lee is also a delegate to COPE and has been active in politics. He teaches social studies at Oakland High School.

Lee succeeds Ed Reith of Cemetery Workers 322, whose seat was declared vacant two weeks earlier.

### FREMONT, HAYWARD VOTES

CLC delegates voted to endorse Propositions A, B, C and D in the Fremont election Nov. 21.

The Central Labor Council has also voted endorsement of measures to raise the tax rate ceiling by 56 cents in the Hayward Elementary School District and by 89 cents in the Hayward Union High School District.

Both Hayward increases have been made necessary by rising operational costs, according to school officials.

### PARRY'S CHARGES

CLC Executive Secretary Robert S. Ash challenged one delegate who felt Ash was interfering in Fremont city politics without CLC approval to state his case. No one did.

Ash said someone apparently told this to City Councilman Jack Parry, who has been making charges in the daily press against Ash and City Councilman Kenneth Steadman of Steelworkers 3367.

The charges, aired by Steadman at last week's CLC meeting, concern Steadman's attempts to get an impartial agency of the State Personnel Board to survey Fremont's city personnel practices. Ash is a member of the State Personnel Board.

Steadman reported that Fremont city personnel procedures are bad.

(See story inside for Local 3367's action on this.)

### ILWU DISPUTE

Ash reported that Warehouse Local 6 (ILWU) has asked permission to appear before the Central Labor Council to seek support for its strike and boycott against Colgate-Palmolive Co. in Berkeley.

However, Ash said, this permission was being withheld at the request of the AFLCIO Sugar Workers in Crockett and the AFLCIO Chemical Workers in Los Angeles, who say their unions are being "raided" by the ILWU.

When the "raiding" ends, Ash indicated, the labor council will consider the matter. He added that, personally, he wouldn't buy Colgate or Palmolive products, anyway.

### AUTOMATION CONFERENCE

Ash reported that he had received a telegram from Thomas L. Pitts, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, strongly urging all affiliated unions to participate in the federation's conference on "Job Displacement, Retraining and Skill Development."

The conference is being held this weekend at the Del Webb Towne House in San Francisco.



PETE LEE

## AWOC members arrested for giving Braceros leaflets

Two members of the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee are facing trial on trespassing charges for handing out leaflets to Braceros at a labor camp in San Joaquin County.

The chief issue in the case is whether the civil rights of Mexican National contract laborers are being violated when they are shut out from the outside world and not permitted to receive information explaining their rights under the agreement between the U.S. and Mexico.

The arrests took place at one of three labor camps which were targets of Bracero protests over "filthy conditions, cursing and bad treatment" early in October.

The two men arrested, Jefferson Poland, 19, and Fred H. Cage, 31, said they were not engaged in an official AWOC activity.

### STATEMENT BY WITNESSES

A statement by four witnesses said Poland was hit, thrown to the ground and kicked and both men forcibly ejected from the Loduca and Perry labor camp Oct. 30.

The witnesses' statement said: "When Poland moved toward the closed gate, they were seized and pushed back into the enclosure and then into a building where they were kept until the sheriff arrived. According to Poland, he repeatedly moved toward the door of the building in order to leave and distribute leaflets. Each time he was forced back against the wall."

Poland issued a statement saying that he believed the civil rights of Braceros "are as nearly as nonexistent as those of

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## Delays action upon advice of attorney

The Building Trades Council delayed final action on sponsoring a low cost housing project for the elderly in West Oakland's Acorn urban renewal area Tuesday night.

Delegates followed a recommendation of their Executive Board that they hold up final commitment until a study of possible liability to the council is completed.

It was reported, however, that this study is expected to be finished next week, and the council may approve the plan at its Nov. 21 meeting.

Delegates learned that the procedure will be to form a separate non-profit corporation to operate the project, and using 100 per cent government financing at 3 3/8 per cent interest for up to 50 years.

### KUCHEL DINNER

Building Trades Council delegates voted Tuesday night to join other Bay Area BTC's in sponsoring a dinner for Republican U.S. Senator Thomas H. Kuchel.

J. L. Childers, business representative for the council, said the action did not constitute an endorsement of the Republican senator.

He said the action followed a recommendation by Bryan Deavers, president of the State Building Trades Council, at a recent state board meeting in Los Angeles.

A similar dinner will be held in Los Angeles Jan. 4, according to Childers. The Bay Area dinner is tentatively scheduled for Jan. 5 at Goodman's Jack London Hall in Oakland.

The action was taken by BTC delegates with no dissenting votes. It followed a recommendation of the BTC Executive Board earlier in the day.

Childers said other Bay Area Building Trades Councils had already taken favorable action.

He said the dinner "would not be a platform for other Republican politicians."

However, Childers told delegates, the building trades wants to show its appreciation to Kuchel for voting for many of its programs and support him against possible right wing opposition within the Republican Party.

### \$15 PER PLATE

Plans call for tickets to cost \$15 a person, but building tradesmen will pay only \$5 for their wives if they attend.

Childers said affiliated unions

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## Printing Specialties 678 wins NLRB vote at Lord Baltimore

Printing Specialties 678 won an NLRB election to continue representing 22 litho pressmen at Lord Baltimore Press in San Leandro last week.

The vote was 11 to 9. One ballot was contested by Amalgamated Lithographers 17.

Fredrick T. Sullivan, secretary-treasurer of Printing Specialties Joint District Council 5, attributed the victory to the fact that Local 678 is an AFLCIO affiliate, whereas the Amalgamated Lithographers are unaffiliated.

"They (the litho pressmen) elected to stay with a bona fide

labor organization," Sullivan said.

Local 678 represents about 110 others at the plant and has historically represented the litho pressmen, Sullivan said, but the Amalgamated Lithographers tried to carve out a separate bargaining unit.

Sullivan said Local 678 conducted informational picketing here in August to back up a Printing Specialties local at the same company's plant in Clinton, Ia., faced with a similar situation.

The AFLCIO affiliate won there, too.



# HOW TO BUY

## 'Buy or die,' say shelter chiselers

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS  
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Fast buck promoters are capitalizing on the current public concern over fallout shelters to use high pressure sales tactics for the sale of purported protective equipment.

Many of the same operators who previously sold you overpriced storm windows, house siding, patios, encyclopedias, fire alarm systems and other home improvement jobs will be on your street soon to sell you survival on the installment plan.

In Michigan, Milton Huber, president of the Michigan Consumer Association, reports this organization has received complaints that salesmen for shelters are using a "buy or die" slogan and showing families scare films of what happened in Hiroshima.

In New York, a leading promoter advertised in the daily papers for "crack closers—siding, book men, franchise men, etc., to get in on the ground floor of the new fallout shelter industry."

MANY SELLERS have seized on the recent publicity given various types of "shelter" and "survival equipment" by Life magazine, to promote such equipment as fallout detection meters, at prices which vary as much as 50 per cent among various promoters.

Better Business Bureaus are making a nationwide survey in an effort to establish standards and stop the threat of high pressure selling by shady operators. Thomas Roberts, of the Association of Better Business Bureaus reports, "There is no doubt the home improvent operators are going 'underground'," Roberts commented.

It is known that "a number of the promoters entering the shelter business are individuals who have bad records in the home improvement business," Allan Backman, vice-president of the National Better Business Bureau, told this reporter.

Civil defense officials are similarly worried over the activities of high pressure sellers. The Minnesota civil defense director, Hubert Schon, has called for a federal standard for shelters.

One manufacturer even has advertised a "lifetime guarantee" for its shelter. That's a safe offer for him to make.

PRENTICE-HALL, a large business advisory service, has recommended to its clients, "Make plans now to get in on the civil defense market and you'll have the jump on your

competitors when it really starts burgeoning."

This writer has no recommendation as to whether you should build a shelter or not, or get your town to build a community type, as some towns are planning to do at much lower cost per family. But there is no doubt that you need to avoid the current pressure from high commission salesmen.

It is noteworthy that some sellers are offering shelters for \$700; others want \$2,000 or more.

Roberts points out that no standards of adequacy actually have been set up yet. Local, state and federal civil defense officials are still trying to work out the details of what is an adequate shelter. Currently, the Federal Trade Commission is meeting with the Defense Department to formulate a standard and provide a guide to the public.

Since responsible authorities are still working out standards, the claim of Life magazine that prefabricated shelters can be constructed within a few hours by two men using only a screwdriver and wrench seems not reliable in this writer's opinion.

THE TECHNIQUE used by the fast buck promoters is exactly the same they have used in the sale of other products which have caused much disillusionment among moderate income families. First, they get your name as a prospect or "lead" when you answer an ad offering literature "without obligation," or you visit a display at a railroad station, county fair, etc.

Then they send the "crack closer" to visit you. His mission of getting your signature on a contract is further facilitated by all the installment plans available for financing shelters. There are three FHA financing programs in addition to bank and other installment loans.

If you do feel you need a shelter, and are unwilling to wait until standards of adequacy are established or the situation is clarified, our advice is to at least first ask your local Civil Defense office for a list of qualified contractors and recommended plans. Don't sign a contract until you do.

## Medical science

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## Bee will probe 'divergent youth'

Who are our "divergent youth?"

Are our schools failing them? What problems do they present to society?

These are some of the questions to be considered by an Assembly education subcommittee, headed by Assemblyman Carlos Bee, at a hearing in Los Angeles Monday.

In the words of Assemblyman Bee, "divergent youth" are those between 14 and 18 years of age who become dissatisfied and drop out of schools. He estimates that between 50,000 and 100,000 in California each year fall into this category.

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## U.C. man wants drugs licensed

One reason drugs cost so much is that there are too many different ones on the market.

Dr. Frederick H. Meyers, associate professor of pharmacology at the U.C. Medical School, told the Kefauver subcommittee recently:

"American drug research has largely aimed at fragmenting an established market by preparing or licensing compounds that differ only slightly from the parent drug.

"The resultant need for expensive and misleading advertising is the origin of many of our problems."

Dr. Meyers urged passage of a bill requiring the Food and Drug Administration to license new drugs before they go on the market.

Companies put unnecessary new drugs on the market, he testified, which differ only slightly from ones already being sold.

In some cases, this is merely wasteful, but in others it has been "dangerous," the doctor said.

Another witness called this practice "rigged research."

## Packages cost \$2 out of \$20

Out of \$20 spent at the grocery store, \$1.50 to \$2 goes for the cost of packages the groceries are displayed in, according to State Consumer Counsel Helen Nelson.

Mrs. Nelson made this statement at a recent Packaging Institute workshop. She said the average California family pays more for packages than it does for local property taxes.

The consumer is not getting a fair shake on the amount of money that goes into packaging of grocery items, Mrs. Nelson declared. She said the average family pays \$190 a year for packages.

What do we get? Mrs. Nelson asked.

"We get more color, more size, especially more height, more waste, less clear designation contents, and great confusion.

"Increasingly, consumers are feeling not only confused but deceived, cheated and swindled."

Mrs. Nelson recommended:

- Stronger, more uniform law enforcement.
- Self-policing of the packaging industry, and
- Standardized container sizes wherever possible.

## Ten percenters

George Brunn, chairman of the program advisory committee to Consumer Counsel Helen Nelson, and Herbert E. Wenig, assistant to State Atty. Gen. Stanley Mosk, will discuss "Ten Percenters — Anatomy of a Racket" at 7:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, and 9:15 a.m. Monday, Nov. 13, on radio station KPFA (FM).

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## To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

### HOW'S YOUR knowledge of the American labor movement?

For instance, can you explain the historical differences between the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations before their merger?

Can you tell why the labor movement in the past has been for laws to: prohibit child labor, make school attendance compulsory, restrict immigration, and limit the sale of prison-made goods?

How about legislation such as the Railway Labor Act of 1926, the Norris-LaGuardia Act of 1932, Section 7A of the National Industrial Recovery Act of 1933, the National Labor Relations (Wagner) Act of 1947 and the Landrum-Griffin Act of 1959? Can you list the key provisions of each of these laws?

THESE ARE just a few of the topics covered by a 16 page unit outline for use in schools entitled "The American Labor Movement," issued by the American Federation of Teachers (AFLCIO) at a nominal 15 cents per copy.

The 16-page unit outline is perhaps the most complete summary and list of suggested readings of its kind for secondary school social studies courses, as well as adult labor classes.

LACK OF labor education in the public schools has been a matter of concern to unions for a long time.

It would be a worthwhile project for members of Parent-Teachers Associations and others to encourage use of this unit in their school districts.

Copies are available from the American Federation of Teachers, 716 N. Rush St., Chicago 11, Illinois.

## 'Siegel suits & coats non-union'

The Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America has launched a nationwide campaign to alert retailers and consumers that suits made by the Henry I. Siegel Co. are non-union.

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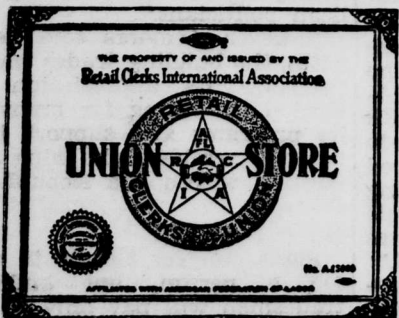
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## Insurance Workers approve contract with Prudential Co.

Insurance Workers throughout the United States have approved an agreement with the Prudential Insurance Co. and have called off their threatened strike.

According to a communication received by William J. Foley, secretary-treasurer of Insurance Workers 30, settlement details will be sent out later.

The letter, from George L. Russ, president of the Insurance Workers International Union, said:

"The sincerity and determination of the leadership and members in the union is the only thing that moved the Rock of Gibraltar."

Russ referred to Prudential's trademark.

He added, however, that "in order to be more successful, we need members. It is for this reason that the union intends without any waste of time to start at once to build up the Prudential membership in every district office in the bargaining unit."

At the time Russ wrote his letter, majorities in 145 locals had voted to accept the settlement; majorities in nine locals to reject it. Thirteen locals had not reported yet.

## Musicians receive strike sanction against FOE No. 7

The Alameda County Central Labor Council has granted strike sanction to Musicians Local 6 against Oakland Aerie No. 7, Fraternal Order of Eagles.

The Musicians Union has asked all members of organized labor belonging to the order for their support by resigning or transferring to another aerie until the dispute is settled.

## 8th District Democrats elect Ron Farrell prexy

Ronald F. Farrell is new president of the Eighth Congressional District Democratic Council.

Others elected include: Dr. Arthur Emmes, vice-president; Clyde W. England, recording secretary; Richard S. Diamant, corresponding secretary; Kenneth Freeman, treasurer, and Nan Whiteside, historian.

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## Tickets still available for affair honoring Postmaster Francis

Tickets are still available for the testimonial dinner honoring Oakland Postmaster Kenneth E. Francis this Saturday.

They may be obtained from Elvin Giorgis, JE 7-4218; H. B. Buckalew, OL 8-1342, or Dan Sweeney, LU 2-0813. Cost is \$3 per person.

Francis, a veteran union member, is the first career employee ever confirmed as postmaster of Oakland. He was a delegate to the Central Labor Council from Letter Carriers 76 for many years, and also served as the union's president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and chairman of various committees.

For four years, Francis was national state vice-president of the Letter Carriers. He was president and legislative chairman of the Postal Central Council for nine years and is still a union member.

### GUESTS LISTED

The dinner will be held at the Colombo Club Hall, 5321 Claremont Ave., Oakland, this Saturday, Nov. 11, starting with a no-host reception at 6:30 p.m.

According to the union, guests are scheduled to include: Congressmen George P. Miller and Jeffery Cohelan; Robert S. Ash, executive secretary of the Cen-



POSTMASTER FRANCIS

tral Labor Council; J. L. Childers, business representative for the Building Trades Council; J. Stan Lewis and Carl Saxenmeir, national officers of the Letter Carriers, and John F. O'Connor, national vice-president of the United Federation of Post Office Clerks.

Dancing will follow the dinner, which is being sponsored by Branch 76.

## Moore objects to Temple item

Leslie K. Moore of Auto and Ship Painters 1176 protested a story about advertising in the Labor Temple basement, printed in the Oct. 27 issue of the East Bay Labor Journal, in a report to Central Labor Council delegates last week.

Moore is president of the Labor Temple Association. He objected particularly to the fact that the story had appeared in the Labor Journal before he had a chance to discuss the matter with the Labor Temple Association.

The news item quoted a letter from J. L. Childers, business representative of the Building Trades Council, to Moore.

The BTC letter charged that salesmen for the advertising contractor selling ads on the walls of the Labor Temple basement inferred that buyers were dealing with the Building Trades Council, and that purchase of an ad would help their relationships with unions.

Moore said that he had received the letter only a day or

two before it was printed in the Labor Journal.

The Labor Temple Association has not had an opportunity to meet on the charges contained in the letter, Moore emphasized, but may have a statement when it does.

## Cincinnati Dairy Union in NLRB vote to leave IBT

An AFLCIO federal local union charter has been issued for the Cincinnati, Ohio, Dairy Employees Union, following an NLRB election in which members voted 1,664 to 12 to leave the Teamsters.

The charter, issued in the name of James T. Luken and other officers of the 2,200 member former Teamsters affiliate, was presented by AFLCIO President George Meany at ceremonies in Washington, D.C.

Meany gave the charter to William L. Kircher, AFLCIO regional representative in Cincinnati, with authority to install it formally at the first meeting after the NLRB certifies results of the Oct. 31 election.—AFLCIO News.

## AWOC representative

The Central Labor Council has authorized a representative of the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee to appear before its Executive Committee to discuss ways for closer cooperation.

## CORPORATE PROFITS MAY COME CLOSE TO '59 RECORD

Corporate profits are zoom-toward the second highest year on record in 1961 and may come very close to matching the all-time record of \$46.4 billion set in 1959.

Leading business publications and government reports show a booming profits picture for the year, a marked contrast to the continuing high level of unemployment which has remained at 7 per cent of the labor force for the past 10 months.—AFL-CIO News.

## Crowell on Executive Bd. of California Consumers

Russell Crowell, president of the Alameda County Central Labor Council, was elected to a vacancy on the Executive Board of the California Association of Consumers at its recent second convention in San Francisco.

Representing the Central Labor Council at the meeting were: Richard K. Groulx, assistant CLC secretary, and Leah Newberry of Office Employees 29, members of the council's Consumer Committee.

Several other Alameda County unionists also attended.

Other unionists from Alameda County included: Oscar Anderson and Al Thoman, Carpenters 36; Betty Borreca and Fran Childers, Culinary 31; Jay Johnson, Emmett Jones, Paul Jones, Whitey Bostwick and Tony Schiano, Laborers 304; J. H. Kurt, Electricians 595; M. A. Walters, Electricians 1245, and J. L. Childers, business representative for the Building Trades Council.

Childers was chairman of the Elections Committee.

## Waldie named Democratic floor leader in Assembly

Assemblyman Jerome Waldie of Contra Costa County was appointed Democratic floor leader by Speaker Jesse M. Unruh last Friday.

He replaces William Munnell of Montebello, named to the Los Angeles Superior Court.

Unruh said: "I've been deeply impressed by Jerry's abilities, good judgment and integrity, and I know the other members feel the same about him."

"He has been one of the leaders in our program of fiscal responsibility, and has been an outstanding member of the Rules Committee."

## Oakland schools career conferences planned Thursday

Second in a series of career conferences has been scheduled by Oakland schools Thursday, November 16, between 3 and 5 p.m. on Auxiliary Medical Fields and Skilled Trades.

Oakland high school students who have indicated interest in these occupational areas have been invited through the counseling offices to attend.

The Auxiliary Medical Fields conference is especially designed for girls interested in occupational areas such as dental assistants, dietary aides, hospital housekeeping, medical assistants, surgical fitters, vocational nursing, and x-ray technicians. This group will meet in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 1025 Second Ave.

The Skilled Trades Fields conference has been planned for boys interested in training for skilled crafts in: aircraft mechanics; automotive (auto mechanics, body repair, diesel mechanics); carpentry and mill cabinet; drycleaning and upholstery; machinist and tool and die making; office machine repair; plumbing; printing; sheet metal and welding. Students interested in these areas will meet in the Oakland City College, Laney Campus Cafeteria, East 10th Street and Third Avenue.

### SPEAKERS LISTED

W. E. Corwin, executive assistant in the U.S. Department of Labor in San Francisco, will speak to the skilled trades group on "The Employment Outlook for Skilled Trades." Following Corwin's presentation, the groups will split into small groups to discuss particular trade interests.

Mrs. Judy Collins, director of nursing at Peralta Hospital, will address the general session of girls on "The Requirements for Success in the Auxiliary Medical Fields." Following this, the girls will divide into groups.

Men and women trained in their respective fields will lead the discussion groups.

## Colliver recovering

Ray Colliver, AFLCIO Community services director for Alameda County, left Kaiser Foundation Hospital Tuesday after being confined for 11 days with pneumonia, according to his office. He hopes to be back at work soon.

Associated Consumers



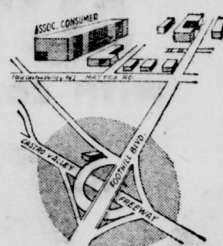
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## NOTICE TO ALL EAGLES

Oakland Aerie No. 7, Fraternal Order of Eagles, 3923 Broadway, Oakland, has been placed on the official Unfair List of the Alameda County Central Labor Council.



# 'Fireman necessary for safe railroads'

Locomotive firemen play a vital role in safe and efficient railroad operation.

This was the testimony of an Oakland unionist and railroad employee before the Presidential Railroad Commission in Washington, D.C., which has just ended eight months of hearings and is preparing its report.

Howard M. Vawter, financial and recording secretary of Lodge 143, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, told the commission about eight railroad accidents that did NOT happen — because there was a fireman in the cab.

The railroads' attempt to operate diesel locomotives with one-man crews is a crucial point on the nationwide dispute upon which the presidential commission will make recommendations.

## EAST OAKLAND

Vawter, a Southern Pacific employee since 1941, told the commission he has spent half his time since 1955 as an engineer and half as a helper (fireman).

On March 18, 1961, he testified, he was working as an engineer, switching at the Owen-Illinois Glass Co. plant in East Oakland.

A car dashed out from behind a building near the tracks and stopped with its front wheels on the tracks.

Vawter could not see the car because the hood of the locomotive was in the way. He said the only thing that prevented a serious accident was the fact that the fireman was on the other side of the cab.

On Feb. 14, 1960, Vawter testified, he was a fireman on a switch engine in the West Oakland yard. The sun blinded the engineer. The engineer did not see a small tractor and power shovel on the tracks near Adeline street. The men working on the tractor did not see the approaching locomotive.

"I think if I had not been on the left side of the locomotive and able to see what the engineer could not," Vawter told the presidential commission, "there would have been a very serious accident."

Vawter's third first-person ac-

count took place in Roseville Sept. 20, 1959.

His engine rounded a curve. A yardman, who didn't see the train, stepped onto the tracks and into the path of the approaching locomotive, outside Vawter's vision.

Had it not been for the fireman, looking out the other side of the cab, the yardman would have been run over by that train or one approaching on another track.

As it was, he was struck by the handrail on Vawter's locomotive, but he was not seriously hurt.

## FIVE OTHER INCIDENTS

The other five incidents related by Vawter in his testimony involved:

- An engineer who died at the controls near Rodeo, Contra Costa County.

- A fireman who took over when an engineer suffered a heart attack at Port Costa, Contra Costa County.

- A near-miss of a large truck in the West Oakland yard.

- A pedestrian who was nearly hit on a trestle near Port Costa, and

- A pedestrian who stumbled onto the path of a locomotive, unseen by the engineer, in the Sacramento yard.

All five of these incidents occurred within the last 21 months.

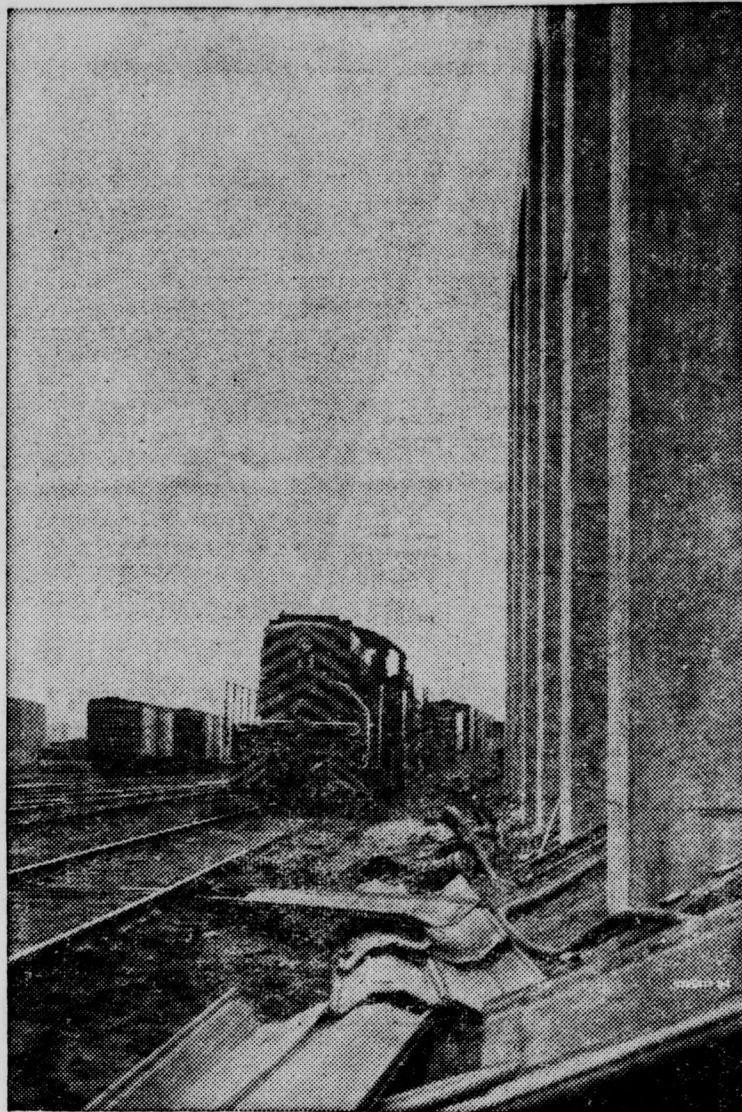
## FIREMAN'S DUTIES

Vawter submitted photographs to demonstrate the maze of tracks, signals, hazards and cross-traffic which makes two man engine crews a "must" in S.P.'s West Oakland yard and on nearby lines.

He testified that the successful operation of new variable switches in the West Oakland yard depends on having a man on each side of the cab.

## Lie detector ban

A bill sponsored by the State Council of Retail Clerks and backed by the California Labor Federation would prohibit employers from requiring, asking or permitting persons to submit to lie detector tests as a condition of employment.



DERAILMENT of this train could have resulted if a locomotive fireman (engineer's helper) hadn't spotted the heavy debris dangerously near the tracks. The debris was on the side of the tracks which is "blind" to the engineer. This photo was among those exhibited to the Presidential Railroad Commission to illustrate the need for a man on the left side of locomotive cabs.

Vawter also described the fireman's role in detecting leaks in the fuel, oil, water exhaust and electrical systems while the train is moving.

And, he said, the fireman's job is the best training ground for future engineers, under the guidance of veteran rail hands.

He told the presidential commission:

"In conclusion, it is my opinion, based on my years of experience as fireman and engineer in yard and road service, and based on the physical conditions of the locomotive and areas in which we work—the close clearances, track curvature, grade crossing and proximity to the general public and other railroad personnel — that it is essential to the safety of the public and railroad personnel and equipment to have a fireman on diesel locomotives at all times to maintain lookout, take and relay signals and maintain and restore locomotive power."

## Geo. Wade re-elected by Glass Bottle Blowers 85

George Wade has been re-elected president of Glass Bottle Blowers 85 for a two year term.

Others elected recently were: Frank McDonald, vice-president; Ray Penticoff, financial secretary-treasurer, and Phyllis Grace, Helen Howard and Rose Silva, trustees.

## Old S.F. Building Trades Temple now 'For Sale'

"For Sale" signs have been placed on the old fire-damaged San Francisco Building Trades Temple at 200 Guerrero St.

All unions have moved to other locations, and the Finance Committee is already considering tentative offers, according to Al Mailloux, secretary of the S.F. Building Trades Temple Association.

## California Conference on Apprenticeship set

The second biennial California Conference on Apprenticeship will be held April 25-27 at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles, according to announcements received by unions last week.

The conference is for members of joint apprenticeship committees and others interested in apprentice training.

Further information may be obtained from the California Conference on Apprenticeship, 139 World Trade Center, San Francisco 11, Calif.

## IAM lodge wins case of Alameda NAS employee

The Navy has upheld the right of Mrs. Viola Thordarson, a clerk at the Alameda Naval Air Station, to change her mind about an application for disability retirement she filed last year, according to the Machinist.

The IAM publication quotes Robert E. Faulkner, president of Lodge 739, as saying a supervisor talked Mrs. Thordarson into asking for retirement. When she sought to have the application withdrawn, Navy officials refused and suspended her.

Lodge 739 took the case to the Pentagon. Ultimately, Mrs. Thordarson was reinstated and received \$2,185 in back pay.

## Runs in the family!

A new member of Paint Makers 1101 is Steve Crowell, son of Russell Crowell of Cleaners 3009, president of the Central Labor Council.

The younger Crowell was introduced at last week's Central Labor Council meeting by Bill Zubiate, a delegate from Local 1101.

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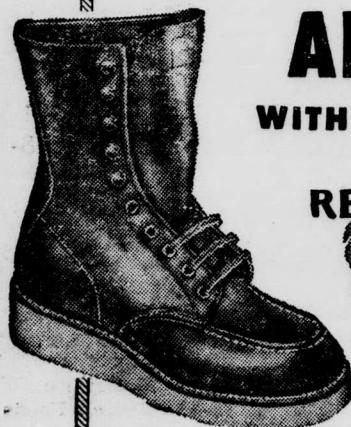
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# OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

## AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

The regular meetings of Lodge No. 1546 will be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at the hour of 8 p.m. at our new building, located at 10260 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, Calif.

Under our Constitution and By-Laws notice is hereby given of the nominations and election for the following offices: President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Sentinel, Conductor, Trustees, Senior Business Representative, 1st Assistant, 2nd Assistant, 3rd Assistant, 4th Assistant, 5th Assistant, Business Representatives, members of Executive Committee, Law Committee, Welfare Committee, delegates to Central Labor Council, delegates to California Conference of Machinists and delegates to California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO.

The election will be held December 5, 1961, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Voting will be by voting machines.

The election will be held at our new building located at 10260 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, Calif.

Absentee ballots may be mailed to members who reside in outlying districts more than 25 miles from Lodge room and, to members who are ill and confined under doctor's orders, also temporarily absent from city.

Members who desire, and are eligible, for an absentee ballot must send their request for same in writing to the Recording Secretary at least 10 days prior to date of election.

Only those absentee ballots will be counted that are returned in a sealed envelope marked "ballot" prior to the closing of the polls.

In case of runoff election, absentee ballots will be automatically sent to those requesting them for the regular election, otherwise the same rules will apply to absentee ballots for the runoff election.

Fraternally yours,  
A. J. HAYES,  
Recording Secretary

## CARPENTERS 1473

Meets first and third Friday of each month at the Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Ave., Oakland at 8 p.m.

All members please note: \$1 (one dollar) assessment for State Building Trades Defense Fund is now due and payable.

Fraternally yours,  
J. W. KIRKMAN,  
Recording Secretary

## PAINTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL 16

### NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Painters District Council 16 meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 8 p.m. in Hall G on the third floor of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Next meeting will be Nov. 16.

Fraternally,  
WILEY H. MOUNTJOY,  
Recording Secretary

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## CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 p.m. at 761 12th St., Oakland, California.

### SPECIAL NOTICE:

All carpenters interested in our coming negotiations for 1962, should attend our next meeting Friday at 8 p.m., Nov. 10, 1961. It is very important that the conference board know all the desires of the carpenters at this time so that they can present them to the negotiations committee for consideration.

The Educational Committee will be held Tuesday at 8 p.m. November 14, 1961. Please note this change in the date.

Stewards will meet Thursday at 8 p.m., November 16, 1961.

Fraternally yours,  
OSCAR ANDERSON,  
Recording Secretary

## HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Friday night, November 17, we get together again in a regularly called meeting. Even though it is such, a certain question has arisen relative to our welfare with which you should become acquainted. The place to take action is on the floor at the meetings, and not publicly, as I see it.

Fraternally,  
ROBERT G. MILLER,  
Recording Secretary

## STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, Nov. 16th, 8 p.m. Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m. Please attend. Don't forget your Blood Bank dues for 1962.

Fraternally,  
D. ARCA,  
Acting Secretary

## ALAMEDA CARPENTERS 194

Alameda Local 194 meets on the first and third Mondays of each month at 8 p.m. in the Veterans Memorial Building at Walnut and Central in Alameda.

All members please note: \$1 (one dollar) assessment for State Building Trades Defense Fund is now due and payable.

Fraternally,  
JOHN GRIGSBY,  
Recording Secretary

## STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

General election of officers and delegates of this local union will be by secret ballot on Sunday, December 10, 1961, and will be conducted in Hall M of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, Calif., 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Be sure to have your dues book with you when voting.

The second reading of registrants will be at the membership meeting to be held on November 16, 1961.

In case of a tie vote, the runoff will be at the next regular meeting of the union. All candidates who receive a sufficient number of votes to be elected but are tied with one or more other candidates shall be placed upon the ballot.

Fraternally,  
JAMES MARTIN,  
Fin. Secty. & Bus. Mgr.

## UNITED STEELWORKERS 4468

Regular meetings held 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Avenue, Oakland.

Fraternally,  
FRANK V. McINTOSH  
Recording Secretary

## AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next meeting of Auto and Ship Painters 1176 will be on Tuesday, Nov. 21, 1961 in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., at 8:00 p.m.

Fraternally,  
LESLIE K. MOORE  
Business Rep.

## BAKERY WAGON DRIVERS 432

The election for officers will be held Saturday, Dec. 9, 1961, in the office, Room 102 of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, Calif., during the hours of 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Fraternally,  
LES BENHAM,  
Secretary-Treasurer,  
Business Representative

## HAYWARD CULINARY 823

All three meetings of this union will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, the first at 9:30 a.m., the second at 2:30 p.m., and the third at 8:00 p.m. at the union headquarters.

The next regular meeting will be held Nov. 21, 1961.

JOSEPH MEDEIROS,  
President  
LEROY V. WOODS,  
Secretary-Treasurer

## HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Regular meetings of Carpenters are held each Friday at 8 p.m., unless otherwise specified, at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Rd., Hayward.

We sincerely urge that you attend meetings as regularly as possible. You as a member should take part in the deliberations of these meetings and aid to form policies that are good for the labor movement as a whole, and for you as an individual.

Stewards' meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, and the last Friday of each month is social night for all.

Fraternally,  
L. D. (LARRY) TWIST,  
Recording Secretary

## PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next regular meeting of Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 1961, in Hall A on the first floor of the Labor Temple Building, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California, at 8 p.m.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The regular order of business.
2. Second nomination of officers for the years 1962 and 1963.
3. Your next regular scheduled holiday will be Thanksgiving (November 23, 1961).

I will look forward to seeing you.

Fraternally yours,  
BEN H. BEYNON,  
Bus. Mgr. & Fin. Sec.-Treas.

## UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

Executive Board meeting Thursday, Nov. 9, 8 p.m., Union Office, Room 208.

Regular union meeting Friday, Nov. 17, 8 p.m., Hall D, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Fraternally,  
ELLA BAINES,  
Recording Secretary

## Odegard on TV

Peter H. Odegard, professor of political science at the University of California, is giving a new course in American government on the "Continental Classroom" program at 6:30 a.m. Monday through Friday on KRON (Channel 4).

## PAINT MAKERS 1101

November 21, 1961, will be a special and regular meeting.

On the agenda for the special meeting will be a proposed by-law change. This is for a "Death Benefit Fund" for the members of Paint Makers 1101 only.

Date: November 21, 1961.

Time: 8 p.m.

Place: Hall M, Third Floor, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

Your attendance is urged.

Fraternally yours,  
EDWARD MORGAN,  
Recording Secretary

## Sen. Holmdahl announces Maritime Academy exams

Young men in Alameda County who are interested in taking a competitive examination to attend the California Maritime Academy should contact State Sen. John W. Holmdahl, 1111 Jackson St., Oakland, before Jan. 1.

Applicants must be unmarried high school graduates between 17 and 22 years of age, as of August, 1962. Students pay for their own tuition, uniform and books.

## ILWU 6 sends Colgate-Palmolive 'boycott bus'

A "boycott bus" has been dispatched for a trip covering 38 states by ILWU Local 6.

The "bus" is really a truck with a camper body, to save money. Two members, Ole Fagerhaugh and Sneed Reynolds, plan to distribute about 250,000 leaflets.

They'll ask unionists not to buy Colgate-Palmolive products.

Local 6 has been on strike against the Colgate plant in Berkeley since Sept. 15.

## Rep. Green says right-wing threat tops McCarthy era

The "unholy alliance" of right-wing extremists is a greater threat today than it was at the height of the McCarthy era, Congressman Edith Green of Oregon said in San Francisco recently.

Mrs. Green, one of six congressmen to vote against funds for the House Un-American Activities Committee this year, said the tendency of liberals to underestimate this threat is particularly dangerous.

She spoke at the 27th annual meeting of the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California.

The "unholy alliance," according to Mrs. Green, consists of right-wing political groups, religious fundamentalists and the military.

She described a flood of mail coming into Congress "spewing forth hatred . . . anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic and anti-Negro."

Everything to the groups is a "Communist plot"—statehood for Alaska and Hawaii, foreign aid, fluoridation, federal aid to education, public housing, medical care for the aged, and anything else they oppose, Mrs. Green said.

Ernest Besig, ACLU executive director, reported on manifestations of resurgent McCarthyism in this area.

## New CLC delegate

Arnold Callan, sub-regional director of the United Auto Workers, was sworn in as a new delegate to the Central Labor Council Oct. 30.



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## Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

### THE VACUUM WATCH

(This item is reprinted from the New York Jewelry Workers October bulletin.)

Recently released by its originators in Switzerland, where it was introduced at last year's Basle Watch Fair, are extensive technical details about the world's first vacuum watch.

By virtue of new-type gaskets and ingenious construction, the new timepiece — a popular product of Glycine Watch Factory, Bienne — is air-, water-, dust-, corrosion and condensation proof. Its self-winding, high-precision movement operates in a 97 per cent near-perfect vacuum, sealed within an impenetrable case and crystal that keep it permanently unaffected even by atmospheric pressure or temperature changes.

Only "drawback" of the vacuum watch, as far as watchmakers are concerned, is that it never needs cleaning or re-lubrication, since its oil is kept constantly in its original corrosion-free condition. Also, its lack of air friction on the balance wheel never fluctuates. The watch does, however, provide jewelers with a product they can offer with a prolonged guarantee (minimum three years) which customers know is justified as a better watch capable of long service.

Idea of the vacuum watch was born a few years back when the Swiss factory began to store finished watch movements under glass jars before it came time for casing them. Regular home-made preserve glass jars were used, from which air was pumped to prevent oxidation during storage.

This partial vacuum kept the movements in such ideal condition, it was decided to create an actual vacuum watch case that would be permanently airtight.

The conventional new or snap-on case back was first discarded in favor of a single-piece case system. Inserting the movement from above was facilitated by fitting it with a jointed winding stem. A new type crown was then devised. This is fitted with three individual washers, two of which are plastic O-ring gaskets. The gaskets fit into an oversize tube to which a special silicone preparation is added, thus assuring impermeability. The third gasket, fitted in connection with the screw-tight feature of the crown, has the sole function of keeping minute dust or sea salt away from the vital O-ring sealing system inside. Aging and tortuous testing have proved the crown will remain hermetic for years.

### THE CRYSTAL

The usual unbreakable crystal — because of its very quality of elasticity, which in turn makes it hygroscopic, or moisture absorbent — was abandoned. Instead of synthetic, organic materials, the vacuum watch crystal is a non-organic, tempered glass of "laboratory crystal." Such a glass is absolutely non-absorbent, as well as shrink and crack resistant, withstanding all but a violent blow and up to 33 atmospheres of pressure under water.

Inserted in the case, the crystal is pressed onto a special synthetic gasket which is inside the case ring. Air is made to escape at the edge by means of an inexpensive vacuum pump, and thereafter a natural pressure (or suction) is evenly exerted over the full area of the crystal, sealing it tightly by the same atmospheric influence that is kept out of the interior of the watch.

The fact that the vacuum may somehow not be preserved during the course of the watch's use was given consideration. Since the watch has a more stable running-rate, due to absence of

air friction in the escapement, this was taken into account during timing of the movement at the factory. Thus, should the vacuum watch slow down as much as 14 seconds per day it will be a tip-off that the full vacuum no longer prevails.

Accidental damage to one of the gaskets would be the likely cause. This can readily be replaced by a watchmaker who can then also re-establish the decompression by use of an inexpensive vacuum apparatus.

The watch will still remain as tight as most waterproof watches even if the setting crown has been partially damaged, because of firm protection provided by the crystal. Again, the vacuum state can once more be restored after the crown damage is repaired.

According to the manufacturer, vacuum watches will soon be in wide distribution throughout the U.S., in steel, gold-filled or solid gold cases, ranging in price from \$89.50 to \$250.

## Typographical Auxiliary

By MARY STAPLETON

The November business meeting of Auxiliary No. 26 will be at the home of May Marquand, 3301 35th Ave., on Tuesday, Nov. 14. The change in date from the first Thursday to the second Tuesday of the month is necessary in order to conform to our international by-laws, which designate the second Tuesday as the date of voting on propositions sent to referendum by the Dallas convention.

Muriel Pfaffenberger, our press correspondent, is still hospitalized and recuperating from a broken leg. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Please plan to attend the Nov. 14 meeting and be prompt so that we may convene our business meeting at 10:30 sharp. A social hour will follow the business meeting. Bring sandwiches as usual.

## Printing Specialties JDC5

By FREDRICK T. SULLIVAN

We are very proud of our members in the Lithographic Department of Lord Baltimore Press in San Leandro for demonstrating that they wish to remain in our union in preference to the A.L.A.

We believe that one of our strong points was that we are an AFL-CIO affiliated union, and the members were readily convinced of the value of a union that is within the house of labor compared with one that is outside. We now have the task of uniting the members into one group again in order that all of our best interests are served. What has happened to us can be likened to a small civil war within the group. The wounds and scars will be with us a long time and — just as in a war — neither side really won. Unions that raid other union jurisdictions should be cautioned that all they win is the ashes of the house of labor they are burning down.

We are very enthused over the possibility of forming a Blood Bank for all the members of the District Council. Mr. Frank White of the United Crusade spoke before the delegates at the Nov. 3rd meeting. He was well received, and the delegates voted to form a working committee of one member from each local and the District Council Trustees and proceed with the Blood Bank.

Our Credit Union is growing in membership very nicely. In the space of about 18 months the total assets have grown to \$45,342.93. We have negotiated the credit union checkoff into many of our contracts, and this is a great convenience for the members.

## Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

In the near future, your business office will inaugurate a new procedure to be followed by those members who mail their dues to the union office. Upon receipt of your dues by mail you will receive by return mail, along with your dues book and receipt, two goldenrod envelopes, one self-addressed to the union office for your return dues; the second you will address where you wish your book returned. Both of the envelopes are marked with the necessary directions to follow. They will serve to remind you to pay your dues.

The Joint Board of Trustees have scheduled a board meeting for November 8th at which time the auditor's report, pertaining to the Pension Plan, will be reviewed along with the report of Milliman and Robertson, actuaries, whose services were required for this pension survey in order to see if it would be possible to increase the monthly pension checks for this union's 50 retired members.

Business Representative Bill Weber has been advised by General President Schoemann that he has been appointed to serve as a committee member of the National Pipeline Committee representing the United Association. This committee meets with a like committee of National Pipeline Contractors for the purpose of negotiating the United Association's National Pipeline Agreement. This is an honor for Local 342, having the United Association select one of our members to serve on this national committee, and so, in behalf of our membership, congratulations, Bill, and happy negotiations.

We are very sorry to report the passing of Brothers Ike Craig and Troy Jones. We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the families of our departed brothers. They will be missed by the membership and their many friends.

Our next membership meeting will be held on Thursday, November 16th. Also, we wish to remind you that registrations for those candidates seeking office at our December 10 General Election of Officers will close on Thursday, November 9, at 9 p.m. sharp.

## Millmen 550

By CLYDE JOHNSON

A firmer policy on production worker classifications has to be developed before negotiations next spring. We have four years of experience that we should use intelligently. Discussion of some of the issues can begin now.

Special meetings for plastics, pre-fit doors, and kitchens will be held starting maybe next month to help nail down specific changes and improvements. We plan to invite representatives of San Francisco and San Jose locals to participate to help unify a Six County Conference program from the outset.

Speed-up problems will have to be faced. Shops with lousy equipment compete with shops with good equipment through speed-up. How do you get fast men? Keep hiring and firing and weeding out those who don't "run."

It is worth repeating a story told at the District Council about the complaint of a piecework speedster. The council opposes piecework. This guy was hired to lead a framing crew on a piecework bonus basis. The company hired and fired almost daily, building up a faster and faster crew. In about two months the original pace setter of the crew was fired — too slow. The speed-up pigs are insatiable, they'll wear you to the

bone and then throw the bones to unemployment compensation.

Some of our members get sucked into this dirty picture.

A pushy, bonus-hungry foreman will drive men hard, keep the men divided by playing daily favorites, demand overtime at straight time, keep men on edge over being fired. We are going after characters of this type who are members of the union and enforce district council rules.

Most of our shops have decent standards, decent foremen and good men, so it will not be too hard to figure out fair procedures.

With minor exceptions, the work classifications under each production rate are self-explanatory. What needs clarifying is the requirement for journeymen to do all but the simple set-ups, define what constitutes repetitive work, eliminate training period for members who have served it once, etc., etc.

A qualified worker? Any foreman worth the title can tell in less than 30 days whether a new man can cut it. Our contract should provide that the new man goes on seniority after 30 days, just as they are required to join the union in 30 days. This will cut out the business of keeping a man, sometimes top mechanics, eleven months and then firing them before they get seniority. The vacation clause doesn't mean much to these members.

We need a clause in our contract requiring an employer to call the union for a referral before he is entitled to hire off the street. We cannot tolerate hiring kids off the street at \$1.50 an hour while members are without work. Most employers are good about calling the union, and we go out of our way to try to meet their requests.

We may have to establish minimum requirements for production workers, like passing a special examining board and having a minimum tool box.

Maybe you have some good ideas. Don't wait until the next contract is signed to tell us!

25 Year Members! The first meeting in December has been set for the presentation of 25 year pins to over 115 members of Local 550. Bro. Ovenberg will notify members to be honored.

## Painters Dist. Council 16

By WILEY H. MOUNTJOY

NOTICE: The appeal from Pres. Raftery to contribute to the Eleanor Roosevelt Cancer Foundation was referred to the delegates for voluntary donation next meeting, and the council will match the total collected.

There have been many opinions and some misconceptions on the announced council effort to undertake an industrial organizing program.

The original idea confined itself to seeking out the unorganized shops, production and assembly, doing painting, but also to gather in some of the non-union contractors and to sign more maintenance agreements, thereby putting some of our older members to work.

Your council staff has been instructed to make a survey in areas covered to determine what can be done, and what needs to be done. It was also the original intention to do this work with no immediate increase in the staff.

In case you haven't heard, the state has ruled that you are now free to take your vacation money and draw unemployment insurance at the same time, providing you register with your local union office as being available for work.

A thought was expressed some time ago that if believed in will free you from the tensions and pressures of the moment. It was this:

"It isn't necessary that I appear to advantage in every situation."

ATTEND YOUR UNION MEETINGS

## Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

Oakland Mayor Houlihan evidently feels his is a selective service. He will select the people that the Mayor's office will serve.

Somewhat we had an impression that the people selected the mayor, and the mayor's office should serve all the people. Even the ladies.

Houlihan's curt refusal to see a group of Oakland wives and mothers who wished to express concern over radiation fallout and nuclear arms race to destruction, is inexcusable. The mayor's office does not preclude courtesy and understanding. When ladies take the trouble to appear at the City Hall because of concern for world situations and family health, the mayor has no right to publicly insult and deride their fears.

Who does this Oakland mayor think he is in refusing to listen to our ladies? After all, he's no better than the rest of us.

## Sheet Metal Snips

By AL ARELLANO

In a recent article of a local newspaper, a spokesman for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare made the statement that millions of dollars in benefits are going unclaimed because people are not familiar with the many new amendments to the Social Security Law.

For instance, a reduction in the amount of work needed to qualify for payments is now in effect, and I wonder how many of our members know there are five (5) different kinds of benefit payments.

The explanations to the above remarks and the answers to your questions may be learned by attending our next regular membership meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 15, 1961, 8 p.m., at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

James Hanna from the Social Security Board will be at this meeting to give a short talk and answer questions.

Other items to be taken up will be a continued report on the activities of the Sheet Metal Tri-State Council at their last bi-annual convention in San Francisco. To know what is going on in the union, attend meetings.

## Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAS

There were 118 on the roll this Monday, Nov. 7, which is a drop.

There will be an auction of Bro. Flasker's tools on Friday, December 1st, after the regular meeting.

The meeting for Friday next, Nov. 10, will have as its main subject discussion of the contract and ideas to be presented to the Conference Board as fit subjects to be considered for negotiation. We urge your presence to ask and make any contribution you may find helpful; it's your contract, you live with and by it at work, and we can all benefit from your thinking.

Bro. Anderson, Oscar, that is, and myself attended the meeting of the Consumers Association in S.F. this last weekend as delegates from Local 36. We found a world of things to learn, and it is a pity all of us were not in attendance to hear some of the things passed on. We will try to report at the meeting for those present.

The Educational Committee meeting has been set for Tues., Nov. 14th, at the usual hour. You are all welcome. Stewards will meet Thurs., Nov. 16th, and you are welcome there, also.



## Local 3367 says Parry's attack on Bob Ash 'vicious'

Steelworkers 3367 voted unanimously at its Nov. 4 meeting to lodge a strong protest with the Fremont City Council over the actions of City Councilman John A. Parry.

A letter to the City Council written by Raul I. Ramirez, recording secretary, said:

"Mr. Parry's vicious, vengeful and personal attack on one of the most respected individuals in the labor movement, Mr. Robert S. Ash, was not only uncalled for, but was without doubt a disgrace to the city of Fremont, the many members living here and a shame to the City Council to allow such attacks to be made by a member of such council."

The letter charged that Parry and three others who constitute the anti-labor majority on the Fremont City Council "for the most part have no respect of concern for those of us generally called non-professional."

It charged that this attitude is also directed at those who work in the lower echelons of city government.

The four councilmen, according to the letter, "support anything and everything handed down by so-called high-priced experts without questions and condemn ideas of those commonly referred to by Mr. Parry and his cohorts and supporters as 'amateurs'."

The letter continued:

"We in this local union resent this anti-labor attitude so prevalent on the City Council and condemn the constant personal attacks by Mr. Parry upon respected people throughout the area."

The letter followed repeated verbal attacks by Parry against Ash, executive secretary of the Central Labor Council, and City Councilman Kenneth M. Steadman of Local 3367. Steadman wants an impartial agency of the State Personnel Board to survey Fremont's personnel policies.

Parry's attack against Ash is apparently based on the fact that the latter is a member of the State Personnel Board.

A RESOLUTION from the Building Trades Council, urging support in reforming Oakland Civil Service procedures, has been filed by the Central Labor Council because BTC representatives failed to show up at two meetings to support it.

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PERUVIAN UNIONISTS back up the AFLCIO's consumer boycott of Sears, Roebuck Co. by picketing the International Trade Fair in Lima, where Sears had been designated to represent U.S. retailers. Among the many American labor organizations which have strongly protested selection of "anti-union" Sears to represent the United States are the AFLCIO Executive Council and the Alameda County Central Labor Council. The AFLCIO has protested to President Kennedy and Omer Becu, general secretary of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions. The Central Labor Council directed its protest to Secretary of Commerce Luther Hodges. The signs say: "60 Million Workers of the Free World Reject Sears' Policies; Yankees Are Not Imperialists; Sears Is; Sears' History is a Black One, Why Does It Represent a Democratic Country at the Fair?"—Photo from AFLCIO News.

## BTC delays elderly project vote

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will be asked to buy tickets for their officers and executive board members.

Senator Kuchel will report on the Washington scene at the dinner, Childers said. The council authorized Childers to organize and make arrangement for the dinner.

### COMING ELECTIONS

The Building Trades Council voted to endorse all for bond propositions in the Fremont election Jan. 21, as well as tax rate increase proposals in the Hayward and Castro Valley Elementary School Districts and Hayward Union High School District.

### J. C. PENNEY STRIKERS

A motion by Childers, seconded by M. B. Dillshaw of Cement Masons 594, to concur in the request of San Francisco Retail Clerks 1100 to give full publicity to the boycott of the J. C. Penney Co., was passed unanimously.

Management of Penney's San Francisco store forced two unions to strike June 15 by failing to answer their proposals during months of negotiations and refusing to extend the contract.

Local 1100 wrote that most major San Francisco department stores have signed new contracts greatly improving pay, working conditions and other benefits.

But Penney's continues its "assaults on the rights of union members," according to the letter received by the BTC. BTC

delegates concurred in the request of the unions: "Please Don't Shop at Penney's."

### BTC AGREEMENTS

Secretary John Davy reported new uniform BTC contracts had been signed by: National Auto Glass; Bill Ray, brick contractor; J. W. Moore & Co., brick contractor; Clarence King, Inc., brick contractor; R. E. Taylor, masonry contractor; Suburban Glass Co.; Ortner Construction Co.; Jackson Roofing Co.; Massachusetts Bay Colony Co., and Brams Concrete Co.

## Shelters, pro and con, topic for Town Meeting

Who needs bomb shelters? How much danger do we face? What must we plan for? How do we avoid hysteria?

These are just a few of the questions scheduled for consideration by a panel at the Oakland Town Meeting at 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13, at the Mosswood Recreation Center.

Panelists are scheduled to include: Sheriff H. P. Gleason, Supervisor Kent Pursel, Dr. John Reidenbach, district health officer; Rabbi Harold M. Schulweis, and Dr. Cecil Thomas, peace chairman for the American Friends Service Committee. Robert Johnston, assistant professor of government at Mill College, will be moderator.

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## Groulx appointed to new juvenile justice board

Richard K. Groulx, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council, has been named to the new Alameda County Juvenile Justice Commission.

Groulx was appointed by Superior Judge Allen G. Norris. The commission supercedes the Alameda County Probation Committee and will look into administration of juvenile courts and inspect public juvenile institutions.

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## Shoe's on other foot; press coverage slight

At 10:00 a.m. Monday in Sacramento, an appeal hearing will be held in the case of a Modesto doctor who was suspended from the state public welfare medical care program for "flagrantly excessive" writing of prescriptions.

There has been very little in Bay Area newspapers about this case, even though it is the first of its kind.

The one item we saw named the physician, Dr. Albert L. Jackson. But it neglected to mention that—in the words of a report by the Stanislaus County welfare director—"almost without exception, the prescriptions of this doctors are filled at Central Drug (Store)."

The welfare director estimated his department paid Central Drug at least \$100,000 from its medical care fund for prescriptions ordered by Dr. Jackson since Oct. 1, 1957.

"According to statements from the patients, they are seldom, if ever, handed a prescription order to be filled wherever they choose," says the report. "They say they are told to pick up the drugs at the Central Drug Store. Presumably, the doctor telephones the prescription."

In addition to omitting any reference to the drug store, the local press report left out some interesting details on the amounts and types of drugs prescribed for welfare patients by Dr. Jackson.

The only amount of money mentioned was the \$15,000 in fees to Dr. Jackson which Stanislaus County is holding up.

Here are some of the cases cited in the Stanislaus County report:

- Between Nov. 1, 1957, and Sept. 15, 1960, the doctor wrote 423 prescriptions, costing \$1,768, for a 76-year-old man. In September, 1960, this man had 79 prescriptions on hand in his home.

- Between Oct. 9, 1957, and Sept. 1, 1960, the doctor wrote 500 prescriptions, which cost \$2,134, for a woman, 82. In September, 1960, she had 14 prescriptions on hand. Four codeine prescriptions were issued in one five day period.

- A 78-year-old woman received 370 prescriptions totaling \$1,445. In one month, she had 21 prescriptions on hand. Forty prescriptions were issued in a 29-day period, including 13 in one day.

At least six other elderly persons received more than 100 prescriptions each in about the same period.

Among Aid to Needy Children cases, Dr. Jackson built up county-paid drug bills of over \$1,000 for at least six families during this period.

One family of five received drugs costing \$3,606. The mother, 51, received between six and nine prescriptions per day on several occasions. The father, 54, received a total of 340 prescriptions, and three youngsters, 12 to 20, were issued 220 prescriptions in all.

Dr. Jackson is accused of prescribing "an excessive number of tablets and capsules containing unusually large amounts of codeine, phenobarbital and reserpine," according to J. M. Wedemeyer, state social welfare director.

Wedemeyer indicated suspensions of more doctors under the program may be forthcoming.

The suspension of Dr. Jackson, incidentally, is backed by the Stanislaus County Medical Society and the California Medical Association, according to Wedemeyer. But it does not affect his right to practice outside the welfare program.

Since newspapers seem to thrive on sensationalism, and since they've devoted a lot of space to stories about fraud by welfare recipients, it seems strange that press coverage of this case involving a doctor and a drug store, has been so slight.

## Banker's idea

Tom Anderson, second vice-president of the Central Labor Council, was in Washington, D.C., last week attending a convention. He sent us a Washington Post interview of a Fresno, Calif., banker and housing expert, Karl L. Falk.

Falk said taxing of land and buildings in a package and basing the tax value of land on its use encourages land speculation and deterioration of slum properties. Speculation holds land off the market and contributes to urban sprawl.

Instead of taxing the outlying homeowner for the improvements on his property and reducing the slum landlord's taxes because of the condition of his buildings, Falk suggests a tax deduction for improving property and basing taxes on potential—rather than actual—value.

This would discourage slum ownership, which Falk calls "the most profitable investment in America today."



## DR. GALLAGHER REPLIES TO ANONYMOUS SMEARS

When Dr. Buell G. Gallagher became chancellor of California's state college system July 1, he was the target of an anonymously compiled smear document.

This document implied that Dr. Gallagher was "soft on Communism."

The anonymous document was circulated by the Pastor's Report, Box 607, Oakland; Network of Patriotic Letter Writers, Box 2003D, Pasadena, and Conservative Americans, 4433 El Cajon Blvd., San Diego.

Dr. Gallagher has written a detailed and emphatic reply to these charges, refuting each of them with facts.

When the charges continued to be circulated, he authorized publication of his point-by-point answers, along with the charges, in the Los Angeles Times.

Both charges and answers were quoted in a full page story in the Times Sunday, Oct. 1.

### UNSUPPORTED SMEAR

The first charge, a completely unsupported smear, hints that there is something wrong with the fact that Dr. Gallagher was professor of Christian ethics at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley from 1943 to 1949.

"More information on the position of this school is found in League of America, 1407 Hill Ave., Wheaton, Ill., at 26 cents each. "PSR—A Case Study in Theological Subversion."

The anonymous dossier doesn't say what the alleged theological subversion is. Most people consider Pacific School of Religion one of the outstanding institutions of its kind.

Dr. Gallagher's answer includes the statement, "... I have always thought of the Pacific School of Religion as a first rate theological seminary, sponsored by several Protestant denominations."

### UNION THEOLOGICAL

The anonymous artist then goes on say Dr. Gallagher is a trustee of Union Theological Seminary. He or she quotes from the notorious "Circuit Rider's Book," an organ of the right wing lunatic fringe.

The quotation says over 500 faculty members and "alumni members" of Union Theological Seminary have been "publicly identified as supporters of Communist fronts."

It doesn't say where, when or by whom.

And it doesn't mention that Union Theological Seminary is even better known than Pacific School of Religion—one of the top theological seminaries in the United States.

The smear tactician, incidentally, is smart enough to avoid linking Dr. Gallagher with the nebulous 500; he just implies it.

### DOWNRIGHT LIE

Charge No. 3, as well as several others, contain downright

lies, rather than distortions, according to Dr. Gallagher.

It points out that Dr. Gallagher was one of the founders of the Congressional Council for Social Action. Then it says the group "was committed from the beginning by official resolution to: 'the abolition of the profit system . . . the inauguration of a thoroughly planned and organized social economy . . .'" and elimination of private ownership of the means of production and distribution under certain conditions and in some cases.

Dr. Gallagher has checked and says flatly that such beliefs never were adopted by the group at any time during its history, from 1934 to the present.

### CONGRESSIONAL RACE

The anonymous accuser twists the fact that Dr. Gallagher, as a Democratic candidate for Congress from the 7th District (Berkeley, Albany and part of Oakland) in 1948, cross filed on the Independent Progressive Party ticket of Henry Wallace.

The smear artist neglects to say that Dr. Gallagher also cross filed on the Republican ticket, receiving 25,000 Democratic votes, 12,000 Republican votes and only 788 IPP votes.

The fact of the matter is that the alleged Communist capture of the IPP in California took place after the campaign started.

And during the campaign, Dr. Gallagher spoke out bluntly and vigorously against Communists and Communism. This, he points out, partly accounts for his "very poor showing" on the IPP ticket.

### OTHER CHARGES

The other 13 charges are similar in kind. They include quotations from publication ranging from the People's World to the Oakland Tribune. Some, Dr. Gallagher states, are misquotations; others are quotations taken out of context to distort facts.

One charge about the Wallace campaign deliberately changes the date of a political rally by a full year.

In each case, Dr. Gallagher convincingly refutes the falsehoods and smears. Space, unfortunately, forbids a full summary here. However, the case contains interesting lessons on the right wing "lunatic fringe" groups which are becoming bigger and bolder these days.

And it is an important case study in how irresponsible crackpots smear sincere, public spirited men and women.

Finally, it should be pointed out that the L.A. Times may still be non-union, with an ultra-conservative editorial policy, but this article is evidence that the new generation of the Chandler family may have brought to the paper a more tolerant news policy.

## OPINIONS

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## BURIED UTILITIES CALLED GOOD IDEA

Editor, Labor Journal:

The Oakland City Council is presently considering an ordinance which would require the undergrounding of utilities in new sub-divisions. I think all of us can imagine how much improved our neighborhoods would be if this had been done 30 years ago.

Because there is some likelihood that such a practice would increase slightly the immediate price of the few homes now being built in the Oakland area, an argument will be advanced that the builders are being driven out; and because the building trades are historically plagued with unemployment and sensitive to such arguments, some will probably oppose the ordinance.

This would be a mistake. Aside from the supposition that the work of trenching, laying of ducts, etc., will be done by individual private contractors employing members of organized labor, there is an important fact of life involved: Most of us will never have custom built homes nor be able to change significantly the neighborhoods we live in; our only hope for improvement in these is through good building codes, good zoning, provision for adequate parks, playgrounds and trees, and the absence of such eyesores as overhead utilities.

R. H. ROSE.  
Member, Carpenters 36

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## CHAMBER & R-T-W

Editor, Labor Journal:

Read your editorial of Sept. 29, 1961, "R-T-W forces try again," where you report on activities of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce concerning right-to-work, etc.

Last election, I spent personal time, money and effort to defeat this legislation and it seems organized labor will have to defend its rights again.

Next time, I'll probably "take it easy" because my union officers, in open meeting, said the local chamber of commerce differs from the national chamber pays \$200 a year (approx.) for membership in the Oakland ber on anti-unionism. Our union Chamber of Commerce, and our leaders claim its money well spent because they are not anti-union, cooperate and even use the union label on their printing, etc.

Most members present agreed, and my local voted to donate \$25 to the local chamber.

Who should union members believe if not their officers?

JOE DRUMMOND,  
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## PROGRESS REPORT

Two years of administration of the Fair Employment Practice Act have begun to produce the kind of result I had hoped for. There is growing evidence that employers are accepting workers of so-called minority races and creeds, and those of various national origins, on their merits as individuals. There of course is still a tremendous job to be done, through education and conciliation—backed up by the enforcement power of the law. But we are now on the road to winning a strong point for the American way, with opportunity in employment fully achieved for all Californians. — Gov. Edmund G. (Pat) Brown.

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## GOSSIPS

Old gossips are usually young flirts gone to seed. — Bassford.